

me in recognizing and congratulating the Victor Alfieri Society's 100th anniversary.

HONORING REVEREND OBBIE L. BURNS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation:

Whereas, Reverend Obbie L. Burns today begins a new chapter in his life and the life of New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, Georgia; and

Whereas, Reverend Obbie L. Burns under the guidance and favor of God, will this day be installed as Pastor of the New Macedonia Baptist Church and under his leadership he will be charged to pioneer and sustain New Macedonia Baptist Church, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Reverend Burns is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Obbie L. Burns on his installation as Pastor;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 17, 2011 as Reverend Obbie L. Burns Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 17th day of April, 2011.

WILLIAM CHESTER HUTCHISON  
TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William Chester Hutchison of Cortez, Colorado. Mr. Hutchison was one of the area's most prominent citizens, serving his community through business, philanthropy and military service.

Before moving to his beloved hometown of Cortez, Mr. Hutchison joined the U.S. Air Force where he served his country during World War II. Following the war, Mr. Hutchison returned to his life in Colorado. He became a certified public accountant and opened his own accounting firm. Though he worked in a small town, he served on a number of national accounting committees.

His great love was interacting with the community. He was a member of Montezuma Valley Presbyterian Church, the Elks, Masons and Rotary Clubs, and was a pyrotechnic display operator. He worked hard to bring fairs, parades and light shows to the area. Among many other pursuits, Mr. Hutchison also sat on

several area boards, most notably the Hospital Board and the Citizens State Bank. He also helped institute the Roland Schneider Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize one of Cortez's foremost citizens. Colorado was greatly influenced by Mr. Hutchison's life and his legacy will continue to impact the state.

RECOGNITION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 1761, at the urging of Colonel William Williams, the official incorporation and names of Pittsfield and Berkshire County, Massachusetts were approved by the colonial governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Sir Francis Bernard. The name Berkshire reflected a connection with the English Berkshire, while the naming of Pittsfield reflects an admiration for William Pitt, Earl of Chatham. Pitt, dubbed the "Great Commoner," was a supporter of the colonies in America.

For 250 years the people of Pittsfield have been innovative, resourceful and resilient. The first agricultural fair was held in Pittsfield, and the first written reference to our national pastime of baseball is found in a 1791 city ordinance. William Stanley set up the transformer business in Pittsfield that eventually became the General Electric corporation.

Today, Pittsfield is once again a city on the rise. Fueled by the creative economic sector, Pittsfield is thriving by embracing diversity, art and culture.

I congratulate the citizens of Pittsfield on this occasion of their city's remarkable 250th anniversary, and I wish them the best as we embark together on a bright future.

HONORING THE 30TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF 10,000 DEGREES

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of 10,000 Degrees, a unique Marin County nonprofit formed to connect low-income students with the resources necessary to make their college dreams a reality. Established on the principle that educational equity is both the foundation and the responsibility of a strong community, 10,000 Degrees has already made an invaluable contribution to the future of Marin County.

Originally known as Marin Education Fund, 10,000 Degrees targets youth of all ages to ensure that their image of a college education is one of possibility. No one should be denied the opportunity to excel in school simply because of personal or financial circumstances, and no society can afford to squander the talent and ambition of its young people simply because they are allowed to question their future.

10,000 Degrees offers programs to empower our students. For those in elementary

or middle school, it makes introductions to local college campuses and to positive role models pursuing higher education. For those in high school, it offers scholarships, financial aid training, and a number of intensive college preparation and mentorship seminars that set students on the path to college.

In keeping with its commitment to equity, 10,000 Degrees is particularly effective in targeting those students most at risk of leaving the educational system. It tailors programs to low-income and first-generation graduates, building linkages between peers struggling with the same barriers to success, and earning an enviable track record in the process. Every one of the students in its mentorship program has graduated high school, 98 percent have enrolled in college, and 84 percent have graduated.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating 10,000 Degrees on its 30th anniversary in Marin. It is organizations such as these that strengthen and enrich our county, and we are grateful to them for their passion, their expertise, and their dedication to our community.

HONORING NORA LEE ADAMS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation:

Whereas, one hundred years ago a virtuous woman of God was born in Houston County, Georgia, on April 15, 1911; and

Whereas, Mrs. Nora Lee Adams moved to Dooly County, Georgia, where she married Mr. Henry Adams and through their union was blessed with 12 children, 27 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 31 great-great grandchildren; and

Whereas, this phenomenal Proverbs 31 woman has shared her time and talents as a wife, mother and motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of others; and

Whereas, Mrs. Adams has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Mrs. Adams along with her family and friends is celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, her 100th birthday, we pause to acknowledge a woman who is a cornerstone in our community in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Adams on her birthday and to wish her well and recognize her for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 15th, 2011 as Mrs. Nora Lee Adams Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 15th day of April, 2011.